

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 6154

To amend part A of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to clarify that facilities designated as critical access hospitals may use beds certified for such hospitals for assisted living.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 21, 2006

Mr. PAUL introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Enhanced Options for
5 Rural Health Care Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. CLARIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CRITICAL AC-**
2 **CESS HOSPITAL BEDS FOR ASSISTED LIVING.**

3 Section 1820(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
4 1320i–4(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following
5 new paragraph:

6 “(3) CLARIFICATION REGARDING USE OF CAH
7 CERTIFIED BEDS FOR ASSISTED LIVING.—Nothing
8 in this title shall be construed as preventing a facil-
9 ity designated as a critical access hospital from
10 using any of its designated number of beds for pur-
11 poses of providing assisted living and from accepting
12 private payments for services furnished in connec-
13 tion with the use of such beds for such purpose.
14 However, such use shall not increase the total num-
15 ber of beds that the facility may have and maintain
16 its designation as such a hospital.”.

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